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Dear Dr. Hockett:

Would you please forgive my delay in answering your letter for I have been away a good deal this past month.

The studies are progressing slowly but I believe will be rewarding. In addition to the survey I am making on the private-type patient, in which I am particularly concerned with, if any, the inter-relationship of smoking habits, ulcer and pulmonary emphysema, I have extended the studies into the medical hospital population. Dr. Sanford Chodosh, our American Trudeau Fellow and Dr. John Simpson, a resident at the Boston City Hospital, are carrying out exhaustive questionnaire and laboratory studies in the hospital patients with chronic pulmonary disease as well as a control group with non-chronic pulmonary disease. The questionnaire and routine to which these patients are subjected to is enclosed. Dr. Chodosh has drawn up a summary of the first six months' study. I believe his preliminary observations are quite revealing and in fact appear to be running very close to the observations that I have been making in the first mentioned group of patients. It certainly is too early to draw any conclusions. At the present time, it does not appear likely that peptic ulcer or pulmonary disease are exclusively diseases of the heavy smoker.

I am afraid that with the extension of our most ambitious survey study that we will probably run on for another year before attempting any statistical analyses. I do hope you will be patient with us, for I sincerely believe this will be a very valid study.

With all best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Maurice S. Segal, M.D.

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